

FOOD, DRUG TARIFFS REMAIN

Milliken Tax Cuts Win Senate Okay

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — Gov. William Milliken's \$52 million tax cut program has won bipartisan Senate approval without a provision to abolish the sales tax on food and drugs.

Democrats supported the Republican package Wednesday after giving up—temporarily at least—attempts to get a proposal on the November ballot to eliminate the four per cent sales tax on food.

Democrats also shelved for the time being a bill to knock the two per cent state sales tax off prescription drugs.

The Senate voted 32-1 for the Milliken-backed bill to grant income tax credits of about \$30 million for sales tax paid on food, credits of \$5 million for sales tax paid on drugs and \$18 million for local taxes which business pays on inventory.

The Senate, however, was expected to send another sweeping tax credit bill to conference committee today. The measure would grant tax credits to farmers who keep their land in agriculture production for at least a decade.

The bill, which is expected to win eventual legislative passage, aims at slowing urbanization of open lands, particularly around cities.

The House, meanwhile, voted 81-23 for a controversial bill to protect private contractors from negligence suits while they are working on civil defense projects for a governmental body.

The bill, which went to the Senate, would grant such private individuals and firms the same type of immunity from liability for

death, injury or property damage which is enjoyed now by governmental employees operating construction equipment in emergencies.

"I was delighted with the Senate's action," Milliken said of his tax cut progress. The bill "embodies key elements in my tax relief program and continues our bipartisan effort to take a balanced

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PAT ON THE BACK: Federal Bureau of Investigation Director Clarence M. Kelley, left, congratulates television news cameraman William Roy Anderson as they meet with President Nixon right, at the White House Wednesday. Anderson rammed a car that was fleeing from police after a Memphis, Tenn., bank robbery March 18, resulting in capture of suspects and the release of their hostages. The cameraman was at the White House to be honored by the President. (AP Wirephoto)

U.S. May Decline To Pay Ransom

HERMOSILLO, Mexico (AP) — The United States government is not expected to meet a \$500,000 ransom demand reported for an American commercial attache who disappeared last Friday.

Reliable government sources in Washington said the ransom demand for John Patterson, 31, of Philadelphia, Pa., was slipped under the door of the consulate in this northern Mexican city. The sources said it was signed by the People's Revolutionary Army of Mexico.

The U.S. government is opposed to meeting the demands of foreign kidnapers. When the American consul-general in Guadalajara, Terrance G. Leonhardy, was abducted last May and leftist guerrillas demanded \$80,000 ransom for him, his family had to borrow the money from three Guadalajara banks to get him back.

Patterson, his wife and young daughter moved three months ago to Hermosillo, 150 miles south of the Arizona border. The Mexican attorney general's office said he was last seen at 10:30 a.m. Friday when he drove away from the consulate with an unidentified U.S. citizen. The automobile was found abandoned several hours later.

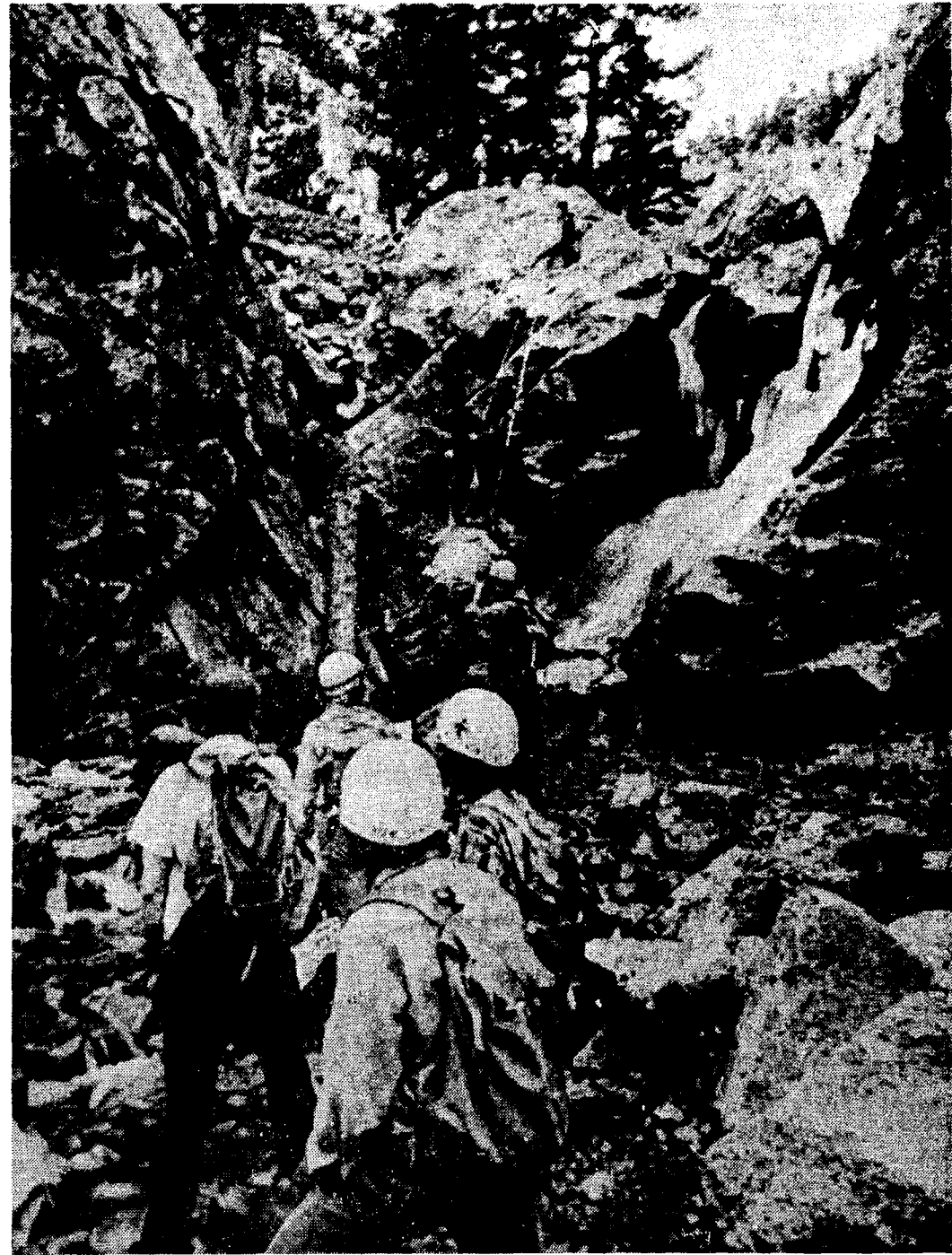
The Hermosillo newspaper El Sonorense reported that a woman who identified herself only as "Maria" brought in a classified ad in English that said: "Giovanni I have the money you need for transaction. Please contact me so I can send it to you. Ann."

The ad was to run for four days, but later the woman returned and cancelled it, the paper said.

Because Giovanni is Italian for John, and Ann is Mrs. Patterson's name, the paper said it traced the woman and found she was a friend of Mrs. Patterson and the wife of a sponsor of the local Mexican-American Cultural Relations Institute.

A spokesman for the U.S.

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RESCUE UNDERWAY: Rescuers wait to receive the injured victim of a mountain climbing accident which killed a 20-year-old University of Colorado student Wednesday. Killed in the accident two miles north of Boulder Falls, Colo. was David M.

Studebaker. Larry Buechler, 19, of Boulder was brought down from the mountain by a cable stretched over impassable terrain. He was reported in serious condition at Boulder Community Hospital. (AP Wirephoto)

Twelve Years In Jail
Doctor Wonders If Society 'Benefited'

EL DORADO SPRINGS, Mo. (AP) — "I'm not sure society benefited from locking me up for 12 years," says R. Bernard Finch.

Finch was a prominent physician in West Covina, Calif., before he was convicted of first-degree murder in the shooting of his wife, Barbara in July 1959.

Convicted of second-degree murder in the case was Carole Tegloff, Finch's former



R. BERNARD FINCH
Not sure society benefited

medical receptionist and admitted paramour. Each received a life sentence.

Finch was 41, Miss Tegloff was 22. She was paroled in 1969, he in 1971.

"When you come from the place in society I came from, where I had practically everything that society and the world and free enterprise can offer a man — and I had it all — and you're suddenly thrown in a tank that's built for 25 or 30 men and there's 50 to 75 men in it ... It's pretty difficult to keep long-range thinking about what happens," Finch said in an interview this week.

"I was told prison had nothing to offer me, that it was merely a matter of me being locked up for X number of years until society was satisfied I had paid my debt," said Finch, now a medical technician at Cedar County Memorial Hospital here.

"If I was going to receive anything from prison, it was going to be up to me to dig it out."

He was moved from maximum to medium to minimum security prisons and then paroled on Aug. 17, 1971.

When El Dorado Springs officials heard Finch was to be paroled, they sent a delegation to California and recruited him for medical service in this community of 3,300 some 100 miles southeast of Kansas City.

Finch has been working as an X-ray technician while trying to get a license to practice medicine again.

The Missouri Board of Healing Arts ruled that because of his conviction of murder Finch was unfit to practice medicine, but it was overturned by the state Administrative Hearing Commission.

Finch was permitted to take and passed a medical licensing examination, but the Board of Healing Arts still refused to grant him a license.

The case is now in the courts.

Winning Numbers

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. (AP) — Here are the winning numbers in today's weekly Michigan State Lottery drawing: 595 and 603.

The second chance numbers are: 996 and 243.

The March bonus numbers are 411, 979 and 131.

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Bridgman Is Smallest

BRIDGMAN — Bridgman high school has received accreditation from the North Central association for school accreditation, Schools Supt. David B. Lechner announced yesterday.

Lechner said the accreditation came at the 79th annual meeting of the association's commission on secondary schools where Bridgman's membership was voted unanimously.

Lechner said Bridgman is the smallest

school to receive accreditation from NCA which covers high school and higher education facilities in 19 states.

The accreditation process was initiated by the Bridgman schools last September, when it voted to seek membership into the association.

Attending the annual meeting on high school membership were Lechner, Anthony Korican, high school principal, and James Bembek, faculty representative for the high school.

Speeders Still Ticketed Under A Standard Scale

By NICK SMITH
Staff Writer

Persons ticketed for exceeding the new maximum 55 mile an hour speed limit are receiving no easier treatment when they go to Berrien Fifth District court to pay their tickets.

According to Magistrate Justine Smith, there is a standard scale for determining how much a person will pay for speeding violations. Listed are "starting prices"; if tickets are overdue, the cost goes up: \$10 for 1-10 mile an hour over the limit; \$19 for 11-15; \$25 for 16-29; \$49 for 30 and above.

The scale was merely shifted from the old speed limit to the new

limit. However, under state law points against the driver's record start only with the old speed limit.

For example, a Chicago woman, ticketed by Benton Harbor State police on the first day of enforcing the limit, March 16, was clocked going 70 miles an hour on I-94, in Watervliet township. She paid \$19, according to court records.

Benton Harbor State police are strictly enforcing the new 55 mile an hour limit. The first weekend of enforcement, the post issued 95 speeding tickets, and they are still enforcing the limit strictly, according to Sgt. Jerry Hyland. Other police agencies report issuing a normal number of speeding tickets.

Appeals Court Reverses Lakeshore Hair Decision

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — Authorities at Lakeshore High School in Berrien County erroneously adopted a code on the length of hair a male pupil can have, the Michigan Court of Appeals ruled today.

The appellate court reversed a ruling by Berrien County Circuit Judge William S. White, who had upheld the hair code.

Peter Graber, a young man, and his father, Daniel Graber, and others brought the suit, which principally named Dennis Kniola, assistant high school principal, as the defendant.

A provision of the school's dress code said hair length on male pupils could not reach the bottom of the shirt collar and must be above the eyes.

The suit charged that the regulation was improper and that it had been improperly used by school authorities to bar them from class.

In overturning the lower court, the appeals court said the "facts show that these young men are not a serious discipline problem to the school, do not create a health hazard for the school, nor does the hair, in any way, interfere with the school administration, other than the fact that the school does not like the students' defiance of the dress code."

The appeals court termed the dress code unreasonable and said it could not be applied against the students.

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Editorial Page

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Business Leaders Take Look At Benton Harbor

Druggist Robert Gillespie deserves, and got, praise for organizing this week's meeting where business leaders told civic officials something has to be done to improve Benton Harbor's business climate.

Those red, white and blue "Support Benton Harbor" buttons may signal a reversal of the trend toward decay.

Certainly, the heavy turnout of banking, retail and industrial executives demonstrated that there's plenty of economic muscle waiting to go to work in Benton Harbor if conditions are right.

But, these same executives told city officials, conditions aren't right: that's why business firms have been leaving, and why more will leave if circumstances don't change.

Interestingly, the speaker who got the most cheers for telling it like it is doesn't happen to be a business executive. Instead, he's a neighborhood improvement leader and father trying to rear a family in Benton Harbor.

Charles Shepherd said citizens must attack crime.

"Crime in Benton Harbor is like a cancer—malignant. It's got to be cut out. When we learn not to be afraid of the criminal element that would try to make us afraid, then we'll have a great city."

Shepherd simply said most succinctly what the vast majority of the nearly 100 business and community leaders told city and county officials. Benton Harbor's most pressing immediate need is to drive crime from its streets.

Speaker after speaker noted that only the citizens of Benton Harbor can

do that: that no number of policemen can uphold law and order if the citizens don't.

Benton Harbor is the geographic hub of Southwestern Michigan. It has plenty of property and empty buildings for new firms. It has excellent public utilities to serve such firms. The city should be booming.

Maybe it can; perhaps the turning this week will finally get things moving around. Everyone should hope so; everyone should lend a hand when asked.

But neither buttons, slogans nor money will help unless and until the people of Benton Harbor decide they want business more than they do criminals and litter.

In fairness, the choice isn't all theirs. Federal, state, county and city welfare laws and attitudes have turned Benton Harbor into what is described as the city with the nation's highest percentage of residents on public aid.

Many of the recipients are broken families with little or no discipline. They not only accept crime, they breed it.

This is a great tragedy for the people involved, particularly the children. But it has served no useful purpose whatsoever to spend millions over the years expanding the number of such families in Benton Harbor and the services offered them. The dependent families have simply grown larger; the moral environment worse.

The first step in revitalizing Benton Harbor has got to be to alter its image as a mini-welfare state. That can be done only through constant pressure on the area's state and federal lawmakers.

Landowners Lose Out To Recreationists

The St. Joseph river is a lengthy stream meandering from its headwaters in Ohio between the state lines of Michigan on the north and Ohio and Indiana on the south until it courses out in our local harbor.

Its geologic purpose is to drain the area through which it flows.

Long years ago the federal government classified it as navigable. Changing times have outmoded that commercial designation on that its modern function is limited to fishing, pleasure boating and a sales pitch for waterside home sites.

In its wanderings the river gets into the lower portion of Calhoun county, coming some 15 miles below Battle Creek.

A year ago Eric Hallden and his wife, Zoja, who own frontage along the river in the general vicinity, stretched a chain across the stream to deter fishermen and boaters from clambering up their bank.

The Department of Natural Resources failing to persuade the Halldens to remove the chain filed suit in the Calhoun circuit court for an injunction to compel the action.

The circuit judge granted the DNR's petition which a division of the Michigan Appeals Court sustained a few weeks ago.

The Halldens lost on their argument of the river not being navigable to anything larger than a canoe or a rowboat, nor even floatable for logs. During the spring high water mark the

river averages 79 feet wide and 22 inches deep along their property. Not being able to accommodate conventional craft or other shallow draft commercial purposes, the river, said the Halldens, has lost its public nature and reverted to a private water course.

The DNR countered with evidence that hunters, fishermen, canoeists and pleasure boaters had pursued the stream for at least 40 years; and seven miles downstream from the Hallden property the DNR's predecessor had stocked the St. Joseph with fish between 1937 and 1943 whose descendants would find no difficulty migrating upstream.

The Court ruled for the DNR. Navigability, declared its three members, is a concept sufficiently broad under today's life style to include recreation. Consequently a riparian landowner cannot bar outsiders from plying a water course too shallow to float much more than a flat bottom boat.

While the Court's logic can not be faulted, the decision puts off for a later day a deepening problem.

It is the vandalism side of recreation, the very thing which the Halldens sought to prevent.

The DNR itself is in a battle to prevent or hold down the desecration wrought in state-owned lands by thoughtless visitors.

Even with the force of the law's majesty and muscle behind it, the DNR is losing the fight.

What effective measures the individual riparian owner can take to protect his land from the trespasser is open to guesswork. Thus far the political pressures leave him in a limbo.

The Hallden decision needs some legislative refinement to equalize better the rights of the public and the private owner in this thorny situation.

A Sore Point

Dean Rusk deplores the idea of removing a president "by clamoring for his resignation." It's a sore point for a man who heard some clamoring for his own resignation when he was secretary of state.

Householders in Tehran, Iran's capital, send their valued carpets to be washed in a clear spring near the city. Afterward they are placed in the sun to dry on a hillside near the ruins of an old walled city called Rai, the National Geographic Society says.



GLANCING BACKWARDS

GALIEN PICKS 1973 QUEEN
— 1 Year Ago —

Statuesque Debra James, 18, homecoming queen at Galien high school last fall, is the new Miss Galien. Miss James, tallest of 13 contestants at 5 feet 9, was crowned at the community's annual blossom queen pageant in the high school gym last night.

Carol Braje, sister of last year's queen, Cindy Braje, was selected first runner-up. Second runner-up and also winner of the Miss Congeniality award was Althia Wagner, 17, daughter of Mrs. Louise Wagner.

YOUNG ESSAYISTS AWARDED TRIP
— 10 Years Ago —

David Stockman, 17, of St. Joseph, and Stacy Scherer, 17, of Benton Harbor, winners of a church-sponsored essay contest in Berrien county, will travel to New York and Washington, D.C., in May with all expenses paid. "What non-violence means to me" was the topic of the essay competition and students in county 10th, 11th and 12th grades, who are church affiliated, took part.

Sponsors of the contest were

the Christian Women's Fellowship social action and education committees of the St. Joseph Congregational church and the Twin City Youth Council of the Berrien County Council of Churches. Stockman is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Stockman, rt. 2, Box 397, and is a senior at Lakeshore high school. Stacy Scherer is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Scherer, 473 East Napier, Benton Harbor, and is a junior at Benton Harbor high school.

UNVEIL DISPLAYS FOR WINDOW NIGHT
— 35 Years Ago —

St. Joseph retail merchants will observe Spring Opening tomorrow evening, beginning at 7:30 o'clock, when window displays will be unveiled to the shopping public to the accompaniment of a band concert in the downtown business district.

The St. Joseph high school band, under the leadership of Franklin Wiltse, will appear at 7:30 and will parade downtown streets. This will be a signal for merchants to raise the curtains on splendid window displays of spring merchandise of every description. Men's and women's spring wearing apparel, girls' and boys' spring things, shoes

and every variety of spring merchandise will be on display.

DIRECTORY ISSUED
— 45 Years Ago —

The twin cities of St. Joseph and Benton Harbor have a combined population of 32,088, according to R.L. Polk and Company's latest directory, just issued. The new figures give St. Joseph a population of 10,920, while Benton Harbor is listed with 21,168.

SHADES OF PAST
— 55 Years Ago —

Shades of bygone days! The Berrien County Anti-Horse Thief Association is disbanded. After operating in the county for many years and making Berrien a dangerous resting spot for the fellow who coveted his neighbor's horse, the old organization which was at one time bustling with activity has passed into history. At a meeting this week the few remaining members voted to disband and the \$53.15 remaining in the treasury was presented as a gift to the Michigan Children's Home in this city.

MAKES IMPROVEMENTS
— 65 Years Ago —

That the Edgewater company intends to go ahead and make great improvements in their property across the river is evidenced by the notices to contractors advertised in the local papers. Three streets in the addition will be paved, according to plans of the company. They will lay 200,000 bricks on North Street, Central avenue and Prospect street. Construction of cement sidewalks is now in progress. All work will be rushed to completion and all sand in the locality covered with black loam for a top dressing. The company is now advertising for 5,000 yards of such soil. The results of the building of the State street bridge are becoming more apparent, and the project gives promise of the dawn of a new era in local affairs and the prosperity of the city.

wrestling and I hope that you will continue the coverage next year and possibly expand the coverage.

Richard V. Boles
Dowagiac High School

SNOWMOBILERS SAY 'THANK YOU'

Editor,
On March 24 we gave a dinner to thank all property owners who allowed us to snowmobile across their land.

For those who could attend we hope you enjoyed your stay with us. Again we say "thank you" for the privilege you extended to us.

To those who could not be with us our thanks and appreciation is no less. So from all of us to all of you, a great big heartfelt "Thank You." You people are second to none.

Thank you again.

Louis Abel
President Blizzard Brigade
Snowmobile Club
3663 Arbor Avenue
St. Joseph,

FEELS THREATENED BY CONGRESS

All United States Senators
All United States Congressmen
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sirs:
I feel threatened — not by the energy crisis, not by inflation, not by Watergate, not by anything, Except; I am threatened by Congress.

Never can I remember, and I was an adult in the Great Depression, when the members of Congress as a whole, project-

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Bruce Blossat

Japanese Are Friendly People

A little girl playing on a seesaw in a park climbed off when I called. In a red dress, she strolled over smiling warmly. I stuck out my hand and asked:

"How are you? Will you shake my hand?"

Without a second's hesitation, she did, and then asked her own question, in Japanese, translated to me by a friend:

"Are you from some English-speaking country?"

Not bad. In plain fact, the kids are irresistible. And I hope that doesn't sound like some soldier handing out chocolate. Most of the ones I see here are attired in imaginative design, usually topped off by a saucy little hat. They're consistently friendly.

Maybe that's where it starts. Overwhelmingly, the Japanese are friendly people. Oh, I've encountered a few scowlers, total strangers, giving me harsh looks as if my presence were some sort of intrusion. But they're rare.

The other day I was riding Japan's famous high-speed "bullet train" on the route between here and Tokyo. We pulled into the station at Nagoya. On the platform, some elderly Japanese were looking into the train, trying to signal goodbye to people they knew. I looked at them and smiled. They smiled back. I gave them a little wave. They waved back. As the train pulled out, I smiled some more and waved goodbye. So did they. Friends.

On a long bus trip toward the summit of Mt. Aso, a volcanic mountain on Kyushu island south of here, the unimpaired soul guide chattered incessantly about the scenes along the way. But three times, in a soft, frail voice, she broke into song, offering little folk tunes that were common to the areas we were passing.

At the top of Mt. Aso, the male

guide was something else. He had a rolled up flag of the sort the uniformed girls use to lead touring groups. But this fellow used his furled flag as a teaching aid.

Neatly dressed in a brown suit, red sweater, shirt and tie, he jumped up on a small log perch and motioned us back as if we were a school class. He rapped for attention with his flag staff and then went into his machine-gun spiel about the volcano. He talked so fast he lost his breath once or twice. And then, gesturing wildly, he fell off his perch. He had his Japanese listeners roaring with laughter. At the end he said:

"There are four guides who do this work. I am the best."

At a bus station, an aging woman offered me an umbrella in pouring rain. Our first thought was, what a nice thing. It turned out she was soliciting trade for a nearby hotel. When we said no, we had one, she just smiled and moved off to try again. None of that anti-tourist snarl which the French have patented for those who don't tip excessively. (Tipping isn't allowed in Japan, anyway.)

Many Japanese take pride in small work done well, and with dignity. I watched a quite old police officer directing very modest traffic at an historic site in Kagoshima. His face was nearly expressionless yet it mirrored pride and self-confidence.

What he felt, obviously, was a reasonable importance, small though his job was. Yet, busy and bustling as they are, and truly important, influential Japanese leaders I meet in government and business almost invariably show charm and graciousness — and more generosity with their time than sometimes they can really afford.

Jeffrey Hart

Nixon At Best Under Pressure

Richard Nixon has often said that he is at his best when under great pressure. He rises to the occasion, drawing on some special reserves of strength and shrewdness. In his appearance at Houston, Texas, he did it again.

That same morning he had been hit with the request of Senator James Buckley of New York that he resign for the good of the country, and even White House aides were admitting that this was a serious blow. Buckley had been a firm Nixon supporter on most policy issues. He also both reflects and helps to form a substantial segment of conservative opinion in America. Buckley's statement was therefore a damaging blow to Nixon's last line of defense: he is openly relying on conservative support to do so. Yet here was the attractive, intelligent and universally respected Sena-

tor from New York politely but firmly asking him to step down. Very bad news.

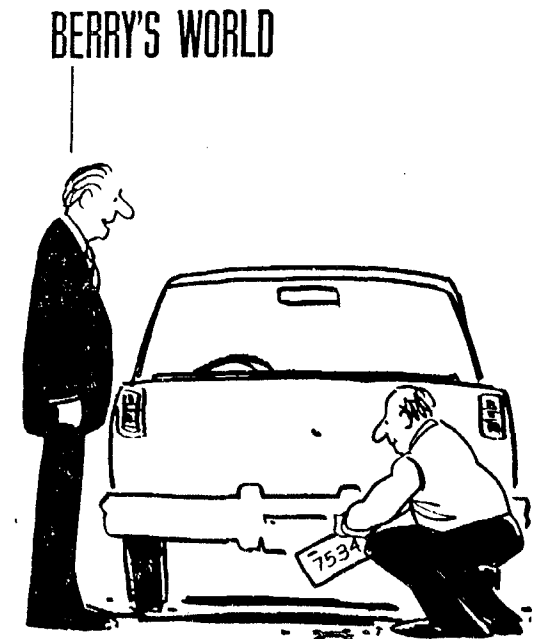
But a few hours later, in Houston, Nixon was at the very top of his form. Naturally, he began with the positive news of the lifting of the oil embargo. In response to several questions, he gave brief analyses of international relations, mini-essays, really, which were tremendously impressive. In terms of conceptual clarity, I doubt that Nixon has an equal among modern Presidents.

When he turned, as was inevitable, to the Buckley question he made the best of his own very weak position. It would change our form of government, he said, if a President were to resign because of low standing in the polls. Some of the wisest policy decisions made by Presidents had been unpopular ones, and a President had to be willing to live with a low standing in the polls. The point is beyond challenge.

The President even came up with a pretty good slogan: Those who drag out Watergate are dragging down America.

That is about the best anyone in Nixon's position could do at this juncture, but Buckley's position went unmet. The President does not have a low standing in the polls because he has made some unpopular policy decision. As a matter of fact, if it were a question of policy, Nixon enjoys wide support. Many of his policies are popular. He is unpopular because most people think that he has been at the center of massive corruption and illegality.

Or, how about: "Those who drag out Watergate are dragging down America." Nixon meant the media, and he has a point, but the person who is dragging out Watergate is . . . Richard Nixon. Since last July, he has been sitting on the evidence that would resolve the entire matter; and he and his lawyers have put one obstruction after another in the way of getting the whole thing out in the open.



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"I certainly appreciate this, Harry. You're welcome to borrow my plates on an odd-numbered day, if you need 'em!"

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TOP 4-H ACHIEVERS HONORED

Style Show Concludes Big Event At Lakeshore High

BY NICK SMITH
Staff Writer

Some 150 teenage girls, playing to an audience of 4-H boosters at Lakeshore high school auditorium last night, modeled homemade dresses and gowns as the concluding feature of the three-day 4-H

Spring Achievement Show. Twenty-seven girls received Dress Review medals for Senior Misses following last night's style show. Kaye Fritz, of Baroda, captured first place in clothing competition. Second place went to Jean Radewald, of Niles.

According to Larry Cushman and Michael Tate, Berrien 4-H youth agents, some 7,000 persons attended the three-day show, during which time three style shows were held and some 2,000 exhibits, completed by Berrien 4-H'ers, were displayed.

Last night's style show was open to girls aged 14-19. Winners were: Kathy Schmuhl, Michelle Villermain, Tonda Bryant, Melanee Hendrix, Lisa Vandervort, Lorraine Sempert, Pam Klug, Sue Beran, Dee Ann Mortimore, Debora Mortimore, and Glenda Jury.

Other winners included Donna Simless, Suzette Villermain, Chris Keigley, Susan Swisher, Sherree Schultz, Becky Ross, Nancy Totzke, Carol Kolm, Susan Bennett, Patty Jinkin s, Susan Shuler, Bev Arent, Sandy Williams, and Karen Rogel.

Also last night, All-Achievement awards, sponsored by the Berrien County 4-H foundation, were given to the following youngsters in the following categories:

Cathy Nitz and Maria Fohs, arts and crafts; Richard Flahaven and John Harrington, electrical; Malcom Hatfield and Wayne Stover, woodworking; Rich Lausman, home design; Michael Wregglesworth and Ardie Long, leathercraft.

On Tuesday, some 180 girls vied for honors in the Junior Miss style review, for girls 12-14. Winners were:

Katrina Niemi, Connie Brueck, Tess Fleisher, Donna Harris, Michelle Miller, Michelle Farwell, Sue Ellen Brown, Kathleen Keigley, Kristine Kelm, Darla Pechtel, Annett Davis, Susan Boelcke, Joanne Wilcox, Nedra Pinkerton, Lauri Wregglesworth, Robin Foster, Jan Koenigshof.

Other Junior Miss winners were Laurie White, Lori Danneffel, Kay Wagner, Terry and Melody Sisk, Marilyn Daly, Tammy Jinkins, Paula Geminder, Susan Hullinger, Cindy Shalk, Susan Watson, Heidi Ross, Carol Aldrich, Arleta Benson, Kristine Hinkelman, Deanna Lidburg, Cynthia Harte, Sharon Lange, Annetta Skaggs, Sheila Varga, and Sandy Wiley.

Also winning in the Junior Miss showing were Patricia Schmaltz, Laura Seabast, Lori Slavicek, Barbara Rodda, Carol Dlouhy, Sherrie Wagonmaker, Judy Meyer, Barbara Bruce, Tanya Scofield, Paula Duschek, and Valerie Zelmer.

The largest style show occurred Monday night, with 600 9 to 12-year-olds competing for Young Miss Style Review honors. The following were selected:

Rachael Niemi, Sarah Niemi, Kelly Cunningham, Wendy Stone, Sarah Zeinke, Sandy Stover, Erin Farwell, Sally Stover, Rebecca Gill, Tamara Miller, Anna Bosque, Karen Kraklau, Marlene Speltzer, Karen Engle, Linda Bennett, Cher yl Jury, Holly Sumerix, Lori Tutton, Darnel Brown, Kelly Chapin, Anita Layher, and Kathryn Surch.

Other winners were Lorraine Blake, Kristen Letcher, JoEllen Grabber, Susan Chandler, Jodi



CLOTHING TROPHIES: Kaye Fritz (left), 16, of Baroda, and Jean Radewald, 17, of Niles, were honored last night following Senior Miss style show for their continuing achievement during their 4-H

careers in clothing projects. Miss Fritz was awarded first place trophy and Miss night at the close of the three-day Berrien Radewald the runner-up trophy last Achievement show. (Staff photo)



YOUNG WINNERS: Winning "Best of Show" awards for their projects are these 4-H'ers, entered in the Youth class, for kids aged 9-12. They are, from left, Kim Davis, 11, Berrien Springs, drip and drape; Scott Lausman, 10, Baroda, refinishing; Ken Guettler, 10, Berrien Springs, leatherworking; and Michelle Rosebrook (kneeling), 11, Niles, fine arts. (Staff photo)



ALL-ACHIEVEMENT WINNERS: Shown are six of 11 4-H'ers who, due to continuing outstanding work in their projects, were honored as all-achievement winners during 4-H's 1974 Spring Achievement show at Lakeshore high school. Pictured, from left to

right, are: Rick Lausman, Baroda; Wayne Stover, Berrien Springs; Mike Wregglesworth, Buchanan; Richard Flahaven, Niles; Cathy Nitz, Baroda, and John Harrington, Buchanan. (Staff photo)

Noack, Brigit Erickson, Kim Wendzel, Lori Hauman, Martha Flippo, Jill Wendzel, Denise Eisbrenner, Janice Jung, Gwen Kniebes, Mary Kendall, Shelly Rosebrook, Dawn Stark, Becky Cline, Mary Mallett, Gayle Scott, and Karen Beaudoin.

Additional Young Miss winners included Julie Schlundt, Diana Gogley, Lynn

Ellingson, Shelly Long, Michelle Schultz, Cheri Menchinger, Lori Baum, Jill Steinke, Felicia Barnes, Kathleen piggott, Cindy Scott, Julie Zebell, Susan Wilson, Jackie Zahl, Andrea Sipla, Alana Siekman, Lisa Molter, Kath Michael, Karen Sempert,

and Kari Bauske.

Other winners included Valerie Tillstrom, Tammy Ratliff, Tammy Ciboch, Kellie Kleth, Rancee Cox, Linda Hischke, Julie Warmbein, Rhonda Dukesherer, Debra

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Bike Licenses To Be Sold At Three SJ City Schools

St. Joseph police officers will sell bicycle licenses at three city schools April 9-11.

Police will sell licenses at Jefferson school on Tuesday, April 9; at Washington school on Wednesday, April 10 and at Lincoln school on Thursday, April 11.

Licenses are \$1. Police will be selling both in the morning and afternoon starting 9 a.m. This year a safety assembly starting

"Mike the Talking Bike" will be presented at youngsters in all St. Joseph Elementary schools by the St. Joseph Police and Michigan State Police.

The assembly will be at Washington 9:30 a. m. April 9; at E. P. Clarke 1:30 p. m. April 9; at Brown 9:30 a. m. April 10; at North Lincoln 1:30 p. m. April 10; at Lincoln 9 a. m. April 11 and at Jefferson 10:30 a. m. April 11.

Municipalities, Contractors, Engineer Must Agree

BPW Okays Use Of Hickory Creek Sewer

The Berrien county board of public works (BPW) Wednesday voted to put Hickory creek interceptor sewer into use and threw the spotlight on the contractor, engineer and four municipalities.

BPW okay to use the 7-mile-long sewer line south of St. Joseph is contingent on approval of the engineer, contractor, townships of St. Joseph and Lincoln, and villages of Shoreham and Stevensville.

A BPW staffer said the contractor and engineer have "pretty much" agreed to sign waivers allowing sewer line use.

By the BPW vote Wednesday, the four municipalities have to April 16 to concur. Silence is counted as concurrence.

The BPW approval is the first major step toward using the big sewer line and connecting Stevensville collection system since 600

feet of squashed pipe were discovered at Cleveland avenue in St. Joseph township late last year.

The BPW approved the three-page resolution—penned by Prosecutor John Smietanka—in an unanimous vote near the end of a marathon 4½-hour session in the courthouse, St. Joseph.

It recites that the 600-foot damaged section exists, that the BPW will fix it and work toward determining who pays for it, and allows the sewer line to be used contingent on signed waivers from the parties preserving their rights and concurring in sewer line use.

Later Wednesday, the BPW approved Change Order 19 fixing the total owed contractor Yerington & Harris, Inc., at \$2.67 million and okayed two approaches for dealing with the 600 feet:

Working toward obtaining an easement from City of St. Joseph to lay new pipe parallel to the damaged section; having a BPW member accompany a St. Joseph township official to discuss obtaining an easement from a private property owner for a different, straighter and cheaper alignment.

Lincoln township officials during Wednesday's meeting indicated they leaned toward agreement.

St. Joseph Township Supervisor Orval Benson declined to predict what his board would do and said he's "not ready" to reveal his personal opinion.

Stevensville and Shoreham officials made no position statement. Meanwhile, a potential "hard line" by the state Department of Natural Resources on solving Hickory sewer line problems before the state okay its use was softened Wednesday.

Sanitary Engineer Fred Eyer from the DNR municipal wastewater division told the BPW he's satisfied with the en-

gineer's report on infiltration—showing less than the maximum set by contract—and the BPW's position that it's moving quickly to repair the 600 feet.

"Obviously, we're all after the same common goal, ... to get this system in operation," he said at the midpoint of the BPW meeting.

Engineer Joseph D. Craigmile reported to the board that tests with recalibrated meters the past two weeks showed 43 gallons-per-minute infiltration at Maiden lane (covering Stevensville and about 3 miles of the interceptor) and 71 gpm for the entire system.

The maximums by contract are 46 and 74, he reported.

Late in Wednesday's meeting, the BPW approved a final tag to the contractor of \$2,676,793.97. Hickory interceptor price an overrun of some \$404,000 for piling and steel stringers used to support pipe in swampy ground, plus a negotiated higher charge for boring and jacking pipe under several roads.

The original 1969 estimated contract price by Yerington & Harris was \$1.5 million, based on fixed prices for estimated quantities of materials. The contractor walked off the job and later returned for an estimated \$661,300 additional for steel rather than concrete pipe, plus different construction methods.

The \$403,397 overrun, Craigmile told the BPW, includes \$257,330 for piling and \$74,752 for steel stringer used in swampy ground and not included in original estimates, and some \$57,000 for boring and jacking.

The BPW deleted a contractor's \$5,000 charge for sand and diking.

Also Wednesday, the BPW:

—Maintained a regular fourth-Wednesday meeting date, and made its other regular session the second Wednesday of the month.

—Approved the use of a brand new sewage collection system in St. Joseph township east of the St. Joseph river (in Fairplain).

—And executed contracts with three contractors for a Lake township water system.

BLOSSOMTIME

Area Schools Get Youth Parade Forms

Entry forms are being distributed to area schools for the Blossomtime Youth parade that will be held May 2.

Advance registration is required of all marching units — bands, baton corps, Brownies, Cubs, Girl and Boy Scouts. Entries should be filed with the Blossomtime office, 311 Colfax avenue, Benton Harbor, no later than noon on May 2.

No advance entries are required for other parade participants.

Any youth from preschool age through junior high may participate in the parade.

Legislative Forum To Be Held April 5

A Community Forum at the YWCA, St. Joseph, will be held Friday, April 5, instead of tomorrow as announced in this newspaper Monday. The forum at 7:30 p.m. will feature State Sen. Charles Zollar, Reps. Harry Gast, Jr., Ray Mittan and Bela Kennedy answering questions on state issues.

SMC Wins Federal Probe Of Accrediting Association

DOWAGIAC — An investigation of the nationally prominent North Central school accrediting association has been ordered by the federal office of

education as the result of a dispute with Southwestern Michigan college here, college officials said today in a prepared statement.

The probe was ordered in the aftermath of SMC's complaint that an evaluation report of the college last year was biased and written in collusion with political adversaries of the college board.

The college in seeking federal action against the NCA accused the accrediting body with

violating federal criteria for honesty and objectivity.

The 2½-page statement issued by the college board of trustees through its chairman, Fred L. Mathews, asserted that the investigation could result in the agency being suspended or put on probation as an accrediting agency recognized by the federal government.

The full investigation is, the statement said, a result of an initial complaint about the agency's activities made in July of last year and subsequent preliminary research by the federal office of the Southwestern complaint.

The college expelled the accrediting agency from the campus last year after receiving the written North Central evaluation of the school.

College officials at that time bitterly denounced the report.

North Central examination teams examine high schools as well as colleges to see if they meet educational standards set by NCA, and while their suggestions for change are not mandatory, they are often given as the basis for changes in curriculum and plant facilities.

In a continuation of its feud with the North Central agency today, the college board statement blasted North Central has having in the past few years "...degenerated into a self-serving, self-perpetuating organization serving no good educational purpose."

The statement went on to say that the agency must either "...reform or be abolished."

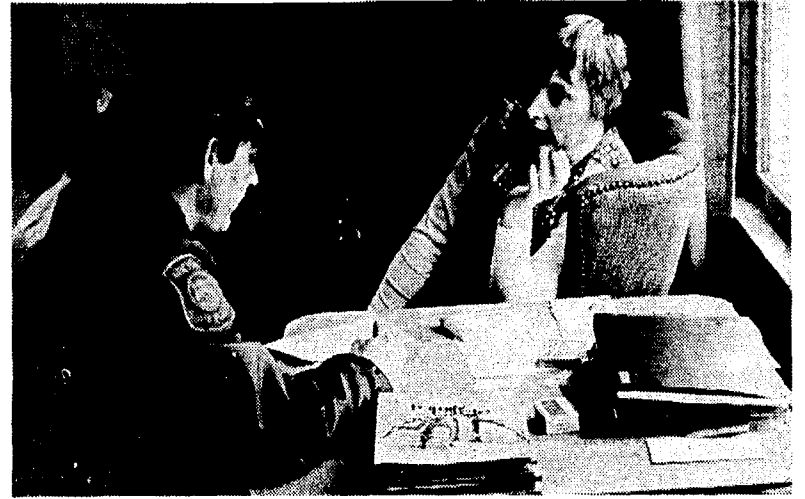
The statement added that state and national trustee organizations have joined in the call for reform and have urged, among other things, that school trustees be put on North Central examination teams to stop the "examinations from becoming political harrassments."

It added that since the expulsion of the agency from the campus, Southwestern has continued to receive federal funds and students have been unaffected by the expulsion.

"The North Central association is no longer needed for federal funds or transfer of student credits," the statement said.

CASE DISMISSED

DETROIT (AP) — A federal judge has dismissed a \$1-million damage suit charging the Detroit Board of Education with discrimination for "using race as a criteria" in transferring teachers.



TELLS OF ROBBERY: While Mrs. Mary Lou Sisson was giving account of robbery at store owned by her husband near Fennville to Trooper Charles Reavy, other officers were booking three men arrested in connection with robbery. State police made arrests within 15 minutes of report of robbery after trooper in cruiser spotted car matching description of one seen leaving store. Mrs. Sisson told officers two men robbed her of \$105 at gunpoint about 6:25 p.m. yesterday while she was working in Little Store on 122nd avenue at 66th street about five miles west of Fennville. (Tom Renner photos)



ROBBERY SCENE: This is store where Mrs. Mary Lou Sisson was held up last night by two men, one armed with pistol. Trooper Earl Morris of South Haven state police post, spotted auto seen leaving store exiting I-196 at Glenn and followed auto until Trooper Daniel Ostrom joined him in apprehending trio in car.



EXAMINES AUTO: Trooper Earl Morris examines car of three men arrested in connection with armed robbery of Little Store near Fennville last night. Trio is to be arraigned today in 57th District court in Allegan on charges of armed robbery. They were identified as Roland Strader, 31, Grand Junction; Bill Henson, 27, Lakeland, Fla., and Jewell Goodon, 48, Clarkston, Mo. State police said case was one of a patrol car being in right place at right time. Sgt. Charles Keebler said victim was still on phone giving initial account of robbery when troopers reported making arrests.



AREA SPEECH CHAMP: Ray Leatz (left) of Mainstreet Toastmasters, St. Joseph, won Area 3 speech contest last night at Sister Lakes with his address on "The Golden Rule or the Rule of Gold." Congratulating Leatz are from left, Joe Stanuszek of Twin City Toastmasters, Benton Harbor; Joe Doyle,

Sister Lakes Toastmasters; and George Craven, Whirlpool Toastmasters. It was the third time in the last four years that Mainstreet Toastmasters had won the contest. State finals will be in Midland April 27. (Staff Photo)

Consumers Power Rate Hike Allowed To Stand

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — The state Public Service Commission has decided it will not consider rolling back \$77.6 million in annual gas and electric rate increases granted Consumers Power Co.

But the PSC will consider revamping the utility's gas rate structure under which residential customers pay more than commercial and industrial

users.

The PSC, on a 2-1 vote Wednesday, denied the application of the state attorney general to retry numerous issues in the gas and electric cases.

Atty. Gen. Frank Kelley expressed disappointment at the decision by the commission's two Republican members, chairman William Rosenberg and Lenton

Sculthorp.

The lone Democrat on the commission, William Ralls, called for an immediate freeze on the utility's gas rates and called for reopening of both gas and electric rate increases that the commission granted Consumers Power in January. His motion died for lack of support.

"Costs are being passed on to customers while the commis-

sion continues to talk about investigating rates," protested Ralls.

But Rosenberg and Sculthorp said there was no error in their decision to allow Consumers Power \$47 million in gas rate increases and \$30.6 million in electric rate increases.

The Jackson-based utility serves most of Lower Michigan, with the major exception of Detroit.

Kelley contended the rate increases should not go through because many of the utility's customers cannot afford to pay higher rates during a time of rising unemployment.

Kelley said the company's nearly one million natural gas customers will be hit with increases of more than 50 percent in their annual bills when a mammoth gas reforming plant at Marysville is completed.

Rosenberg emphasized the commission will consider revamping gas rates.

Residential customers of Consumers Power pay \$1.30 per thousand cubic feet of gas. Big volume commercial and industrial users pay only 88.6 cents per thousand feet.

"If we revise the gas rate structure it could mean substantial reductions in residential customers' gas bills," said Rosenberg. "The bill is going to have to be paid, but it may be paid in a different way."

The PSC will examine the fuel adjustment clause which allows the utility to pass through increased costs of fuel to its customers.

Taxes on Canadian oil imported to the gas reforming plant at Marysville are pushing up the price of natural gas.

Rosenberg and Sculthorp said they want to re-examine gas rates because of "the Arab oil embargo, federal regulation of petroleum products, and particularly the increase by approximately 1,600 percent of the Canadian export tax on petroleum feedstocks used by the company to produce gas at its Marysville reforming plant."

The commission plans to conclude its hearings on the gas rate structure by Sept. 1 because "the impact (of a decision) will be dramatically felt at the advent of the 1974-75 heating season."

The attorney general said he opposes the concept of shifting gas rates "without asking Consumers Power to share any of the burden...through actual reduction."

Sarett Nature Center Offers Variety Of Outdoor Courses

Classes in bird and wildflower identification, conservation education and nature trail walks will be featured in the spring program of activities at the Sarett Nature center, according to Charles Nelson, director-naturalist.

Bird identification classes will meet every Saturday from March 30 through May 25, from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. or from 10 a.m. to noon. Participants will learn to identify the common birds of southwestern Michigan. Field trips will supplement the sessions.

Wildflower identification class will meet three times at 1:30 p.m. on Saturdays, April 27, May 4 and 11.

The classes in conservation education,

designed especially for teachers, camp counselors, scout leaders, youth and adult activity leaders, will meet from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., Thursday beginning April 11. Graduate credit through Michigan State university is offered.

Evening nature walks will be held Saturday, March 30, at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, April 20, at 8 p.m.; and Wednesday, May 1, at 7:30 p.m. at the center. In addition, regular Sunday afternoon programs at 2 p.m. will feature films and lectures on a variety of nature topics.

The center is located on Berrien Center road, northeast of Benton Harbor. The center is open to the public daily, except Mondays.

Decatur Motorist Dies In Crash

DECATUR — A Decatur man was killed and a Dowagiac resident seriously injured in a two-car, head-on collision early this morning, on M-51 southwest of here, according to Van Buren sheriff's deputies.

Pronounced dead at the scene,

southbound on M-51, crossed the center line and collided with the northbound Ragan vehicle.

Both men were alone in their vehicles, deputies reported.

According to deputies, Ragan was trapped in the wreckage of his car and was removed with assistance of wrecker crews called to the scene.

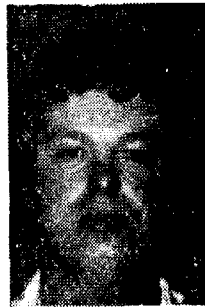
He was pronounced dead as a result of multiple injuries by Dr. Carl Boothby of Hartford, a deputy county medical examiner.

An autopsy was to be performed this morning by Dr. Daniel Glaser of Kalamazoo at Newell funeral home in Decatur, deputies said.

Flam, deputies said, was taken first to Lee Memorial hospital in Dowagiac for emergency treatment, and transferred to Bronson.

The death is the sixth on Van Buren county roads this year.

Funeral arrangements were pending this morning at Newell funeral home in Decatur.



DALE R. RAGAN
Dies in crash

Fire Levels Garage

SOUTH HAVEN — Fire early today destroyed a garage at the Charles Goodrich residence, 416 South Haven street.

South Haven firemen said the building was engulfed in flames when they arrived shortly before 1 a.m.

The owner said he was burning trash nearby earlier in the evening and that ashes might have started the fire. Damage to the building and contents was valued at \$3,000.

Van Buren Giving \$4,000 For Drug Abuse Program

By GARRETT DeGRAFF
Paw Paw Bureau

PAW PAW — Van Buren county commissioners last night approved contribution of \$4,000 to the Van Buren county Drug Abuse program.

Sandra Jo Stunt, acting director of the program, told commissioners the contribution is needed for the program to operate the last quarter of its fiscal year ending June 30.

She said \$15,000 contributed by the state, three-fourths of the total program budget, had been spent in the first nine months of the fiscal year, and that the program must rely on local monies for the last quarter.

A total of about \$5,000 in local funds is needed, she said. She reported pledges for contributions totaling up to \$2,000 have been received from several eastern Van Buren governmental bodies.

The contribution was approved 6-0, with three commissioners not present for the rare night session. Absent were William Taft, Lloyd Martin and Waldo Dick.

Voting for the contribution were Chairman Donald Hanson, Boyd Estes, Walter Stickels, Leonard Markstrom, George Fritz and Gerald Rende.

Drug Abuse program officials originally requested the \$4,000 contribution at the commission's regular February meeting.

Mrs. Stunt assumed the acting director's position earlier this month after John Gilman resigned as program director at request of the program's controlling board.

Two Colleges Accredited

CHICAGO (AP) — Two Michigan colleges were accredited Wednesday by the North Central Association, which accredits universities, colleges and high schools in a 19-state area from West Virginia to Arizona.

Among the four-year institutions receiving accreditation was the Midland campus of Northwood Institute, Mid-Michigan Community College in Harrison also was accredited by the association.

Mrs. Stunt responding to questions, said the program has not been in existence long enough for statistical data on its effectiveness to be available.

She said, however, that she had observed improved attitudes toward drug use among some young people counseled in the drug abuse program.

In other areas, the commission held for further study a request from the county Mental Health board for a \$10,000 fund transfer to rent space at Lawton Manor, in Lawton to house county mental health patients requiring in-patient care but not requiring admittance to a state mental hospital.

Rendel, who presented the request, said the \$10,000 could be transferred from the fund for state institutions because some patients now in state institutions could be moved to the Lawton facility.

Hanson, who requested further study, said he wanted more information on the financial health of Lawton Manor and on what the county's liabilities would be if it agreed to rent the space.

Lawton Manor, a 60-unit residential facility built as a senior citizen's center at a cost of about \$800,000, has been the object of several lawsuits in Van Buren circuit court, including one, still pending, seeking \$600,000 through mortgage foreclosure.

Rendel said the county Mental Health board proposed to rent eight rooms in the center at a cost of \$106 a day, including meals for up to 12 patients. With a full 12 patients at Lawton Manor, the per patient cost of about \$8 per day would be less than the one-third the cost of having the patients in a state hospital, Rendel reported.

The commission went behind closed doors in the middle of its public session for an hour-long private meeting with Sheriff Richard Stump and Undersheriff Myron Southworth.

According to Hanson, the wage settlement with deputies reached earlier this month and current negotiations with command officers were discussed.

Commissioners appointed Jacob Baas of Gobles to the county planning commission to replace Ferris Pierson of Sister Lakes, who resigned.

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officers reported, was Dale Ragan, 23, route 2, M-51, Phelps mobile home park, Decatur.

Injured and reported in critical condition this morning at Bronson hospital in Kalamazoo was Albert Swayne Flam, 26, of 207 McComber, Dowagiac.

Deputies said the accident occurred about 12:35 a.m. just south of the M-51 and CR-681 intersection.

They reported the Flam auto,